

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

HOWARD LEE SIMON

(TDCJ No. 1587145),

Petitioner,

V.

WILLIAM STEPHENS, Director,  
Texas Department of Criminal Justice,  
Correctional Institutions Division,

Respondent.

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No. 3:14-CV-2930-D

**ORDER**

After making an independent review of the pleadings, files, and records in this case, the findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the magistrate judge, and petitioner's objections filed on January 19, 2016, the court concludes that the findings and conclusions are correct. It is therefore ordered that the findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the magistrate judge are adopted. It is therefore ordered that the petition for writ of habeas corpus is dismissed with prejudice as barred by the one-year statute of limitations. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1).

Considering the record in this case and pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 22(b), Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing §§ 2254 and 2255 proceedings, and 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c), the court denies a certificate of appealability. The court adopts and incorporates by reference the magistrate judge's findings, conclusions, and recommendation filed in this case in support of its finding that the petitioner has failed to show (1) that reasonable jurists would find this court's "assessment of the constitutional claims

debatable or wrong,” or (2) that reasonable jurists would find “it debatable whether the petition states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right” and “debatable whether [this court] was correct in its procedural ruling.” *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

If petitioner files a notice of appeal,

- ( ) petitioner may proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal.
- (X) petitioner must pay the \$505.00 appellate filing fee or submit a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

**SO ORDERED.**

February 24, 2016.

  
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SIDNEY A. FITZWATER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE